Setting up of a Bank by Gujarat .... State .. ..

441. SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI ATEL: Will the Minister of NANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gujarat is the first tate in the country to have a Bank its own which will be promoted by tatelowned Gujarat State Fertilizer rporation and Gujarat Lease Fince Limited;

(b) if so, whether the Reserve Bank India has already given its approval;

(c) whether there will be equity rticipation from selected State Govment enterprises also;

(d) what is the total authorised ital of the Bank;

(e) what is the extent to which is will be helpful to the State of ijarat; and

f) whether such type of Banks will operating in other States also?

'HE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE NISTRY OF FINANCE AND MIN-ER OF STATE IN THE MINIS-Y OF PARLIAMENTARY AF-IRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): Gujarat State Fertilizer rporation (GSFC) and Gujarat se Finance Limited (GLFL) will the nodal agencies for promoting tate owned bank called the Bank Gujarat Limited. The Restrve Bank India has received an application n the GSFC for a licence to comce banking business under section of the Banking Regulation Act.

) The application is being proces-by Reserve Bank of India.

) and (d) It has been stated in application that the bank would promoted by leading cortions and companies of Gujarat from the public and joint sectors as well as private business houses. The authorised capital (as stated in the application) is likely to be Rs. 200 crores.

(e) Details in this regard are not available.

(f) RBI have no information in this regard.

....Delay' in sanctioning a Stock .... Exchange at Surat ....

442. SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether delay on the part of the Central Government to sanction a Stock Exchange in Surat is depriving the country of foreign exchange inflow of millions of dollars;

(b) whether it has been pointed out that South Gujarat has a rich farming community specialising in cash crops and almost every third family has a member settled abroad;

(c) if so, whether it has also been pointed out that 15, to 20 percent of transactions of the Bombay Stock Exchange are accounted for by Surat based investors;

(d) if so, what are the reasons for the delay in sanctioning a Stock Exchange at Surat, Gujarat; and

(e) by what time final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MMINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) It would be incorect to say that lack of a recognised Stock Exchange in Surat is depriving the country of a large inflow of foreign exchange as there are 21 recognised and funconal Stock Exchanges in the country, including three Exchanges in the State of Gujarat.